

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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GRANTS TO TEA GARDEN OWNERS IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any grant has been sanctioned to various tea garden owners in West Bengal during 1.4.1997 and 31.3.2001;
- (b) if so, the amount of grant sanctioned to each tea garden owner;
- (c) whether such grant has also been sanctioned either by Union Government or by State Government to such tea gardens owners, who have encroached the Governments land illegally in West Bengal; and
- (d) if so, the circumstances in which the grant was sanctioned to these tea garden owners during the above period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The amount of subsidy disbursed by the Tea Board in West Bengal during the period 1.4.97 and 31.3.2001 year-wise are as follows:-

Year No. of gardens Amount disbursed (Rs. in lakhs)

1997-98	220	179.22
1998-99	104	78.66
1999-2000	83	107.48
2000-01	140	133.29

(c) & (d) : The subsidy is given by the Tea Board only to the legal owners of the tea gardens after physical verification of the developmental activities undertaken by them. Therefore, the question of sanctioning any grant to such tea garden owners who have encroached upon Governments land illegally in West Bengal does not arise.